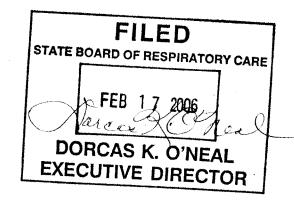
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER:

Administrative Action

MARK DEHOOGE LICENSE NO. 43ZA00267600

LICENSED TO PRACTICE)
RESPIRATORY CARE IN THE)
STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (Board) upon receipt of information from Saint Barnabas Medical Center that Mark DeHooge (Respondent) was terminated from employment on August 26, 2005 from Clara Mass Medical Center as a result of Respondent having an elevated blood alcohol level while at work as a respiratory care therapist on August 25, 2005. Subsequently, Mr. DeHooge successfully completed an inpatient rehabilitation program at Sunrise House in LaFayette. New Jersey, from September 25, 2005 through October 12, 2005 and since October 2005 he has been voluntarily treating with Alexander

Franchino, MS, PsyD, LFC, LCADC for both individual and group counseling sessions. Mr. DeHooge appeared before the Board on December 13, 2005 for an investigative inquiry and testified under oath that he has not practiced respiratory care since on or about August 25, 2005. As a result of Mr. DeHooge's testimony at the investigative inquiry and a review of documents submitted to the Board, the Board has found that Mr. DeHooge has the ability to continue to safely practice respiratory care, based on certain conditions which are set forth herein and Mr. DeHooge represented to the Board that he is willing to comply with the conditions set forth in this Order.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, and the Board finding that the within Consent Order is adequately protective of the public interest;

IT IS ON THIS WAY OF Frunty, 2006, HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Mr. DeHooge shall cease and desist from the practice of respiratory care in the State of New Jersey for a minimum of forty-five (45) days, beginning as of December 23, 2005, the first day he began random weekly urine If all of Mr. DeHooge's weekly random urine tests are negative for alcohol and controlled drugs, for the forty-five (45) day period, he may petition the Board in writing to resume the practice of respiratory care. At that time the Board will determine whether Mr. DeHooge is required to appear before the Board to testify regarding his ongoing rehabilitation or whether he can resume practicing respiratory care based upon the documents submitted to the Board. Prior to resuming practice Mr. DeHooge must provide the Board with all copies of random weekly urine tests and copies of all evaluations and written report from Alexander Franchino,

- 2. Mr. DeHooge shall refrain from using any alcohol and all controlled substances or potentially addictive substances except as duly prescribed by a treating health care practitioner. Mr. DeHooge shall advise all of his treating health care practitioners, who prescribe medications, of his alcohol abuse history. Mr. DeHooge shall report any such use to the Board in writing within five (5) days of receiving such a prescription together with the name(s) of the prescribing physician/dentist/advanced practice nurse or other authorized prescriber and the reason for its use.
- 3. Mr. DeHooge shall undergo random urine monitoring, testing for alcohol and controlled drugs, at a minimum of once per week for the first six months to begin on the date this Order is filed, then a minimum of once per month for the next six month period. At the conclusion of one year of random urine monitoring, described above, monthly screens will be continued until the Board approves a reduction or discontinuance of screens. Mr. DeHooge may request to the Board in writing a reduction or discontinuance of this provision after the one year time requirement has expired.
- Mr. DeHooge shall be treated by a psycho-therapist or psychologist who has experience with alcohol addition therapy for a minimum of once per week for a six month period, to begin within sixty (60) days from the date this Order is filed, then a minimum of once per month for the next six month period. At the conclusion of one year of addiction therapy treatment, treatment will continue until the Board approves a reduction or discontinuance. Mr. DeHooge shall provide his psycho-therapist or psychologist with a copy of this Order and shall cause his psycho-therapist or psychologist to acknowledge in writing that he/she has received a copy of this Order. Mr. DeHooge hereby authorizes, and shall make reasonable good faith efforts to cause his psycho-therapist or psychologist to provide a written report to the Board every thirty (30) days for the first six months of treatment and then every ninety (90) days for the next six months of treatment, stating the nature of his progress in refraining from the use of alcohol and controlled substances. Mr. DeHooge further authorizes his psycho-therapist or psychologist to notify the Board

immediately upon receipt of any information that he has ingested any alcohol or controlled substances or potentially addictive substances other than those duly prescribed for him. Mr. DeHooge shall provide the appropriate releases to his psycho-therapist or psychologist to fulfill the requirements of this Order. Mr. DeHooge may request to the Board in writing a reduction or discontinuance of this provision after the one year time requirement has expired.

- 5. Mr. DeHooge shall be responsible to ensure that Alltests International, LLC and/or any other urine screening agency, preapproved by the Board, that he utilizes as a result of this Consent Order shall supply copies of all urine monitoring test reports (testing for alcohol and controlled drugs) every month beginning from December 23, 2005, to the Board.
- 6. Mr. DeHooge expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that he may have concerning reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in license proceedings regarding him, including reports and disclosures by the urine monitoring program, or any other person or entity involved in his rehabilitation program.
- 7. Mr. DeHooge must attend a minimum of three Alcohol Anonymous (AA) meetings per week for one year from the date of this Order. He must provide to the Board in writing, proof of his attendance at these meetings on a monthly basis for the first six months and then on a quarterly basis for the next six months. Mr. DeHooge must obtain an AA sponsor within thirty (30) days from the date this Order is filed. Mr. DeHooge must maintain an AA sponsor for a minimum of one year. Mr. DeHooge may request to the Board in writing a reduction or discontinuance of this provision after the one year time requirement has expired.
- 8. Mr. DeHooge shall notify a responsible official or his/her successor(both approved in advance by the Board) at his place of employment, at each and every facility at which he plans to practice respiratory care, that he has entered into this Order. Mr. DeHooge shall provide a copy of this Order to that designated member of the staff of his employer. Such individual shall be in contact with Mr. DeHooge on a weekly basis at work and Mr.

DeHooge by his signature on this document authorizes each such responsible official to notify the Board immediately (within 24 hours) orally and in writing, at the Board office at 973-504-6485 located at 124 Halsey Street. Newark, New Jersey 07101, of any behavior or conduct suggestive of alcohol or substance abuse or behavior indicative of violation of the laws regarding controlled substances or in violation of this Order. Mr. DeHooge shall provide the Board with the identity, address and qualifications of the individual(s) to whom he has provided the notice required by this paragraph. This paragraph shall apply for one year from the date Mr. DeHooge returns to the practice of Respiratory Care.

- All costs associated with the monitoring outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Mr. DeHooge.
- 10. Mr. DeHooge hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license without notice, upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that Mr. DeHooge has failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, any other provision of this Order, or any report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prima facie showing of a relapse or recurrence of abuse of alcohol or abuse of controlled substances.
- 11. Mr. DeHooge shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on five (5) days' notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the urine tested was not his or was a false positive in the case of urine testing, or that other information submitted was false.
- 12. This Order is effective upon its filing with the Board of Respiratory Care.

STATE BOARD OF PESPIRATOR

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.

Hark DeHooge

Consent as to the form of this Order is given.

John Marotta, Esq.